

Shoreland Protection Certification

The New Hampshire Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B) requires that applicants for environmental permits which involve work in the shoreland area “demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department (of environmental services) that the proposal meets or exceeds the development standards of this chapter.” The certification contained here in is an acceptable vehicle for such a demonstration when submitted with an environmental permit application.

The protected shoreland is defined to be all land located within 250 feet of a reference line. The reference line means:

- (a) For natural fresh water bodies without artificial impoundments, the natural mean high water level as determined by the division of water resources of the department.
- (b) For artificially impounded fresh water bodies, the waterline at full pond as determined by the elevation of the top of the impoundment structure.
- (c) For coastal waters, the highest observable tide line, which means a line defining the furthest landward limit of tidal flow, not including storm events, which can be recognized by indicators such as the presence of a strand line of flotsam and debris, the landward margin of salt tolerant vegetation, or a physical barrier that blocks further flow of the tide.\
- (d) For rivers, the ordinary high water mark.

In the case of rivers, the law applies to all fourth order or higher streams of the state with the exception of rivers or river segments designated for management and protection under RSA 483 prior to January 1, 1993. Lists of fourth order and higher streams and river segments designated under RSA 483 are available at no cost from the Department of Environmental Services.

Statement of Compliance

1) Will the project for which a permit is hereby requested involve construction, land clearing, or other development within the protected shoreland as defined above? Answer yes or no. Answer _____

2) If the project involves construction, land clearing, or other development within the protected shoreland, will it meet or exceed the development standards of RSA 483-B? Answer yes, or not applicable. Answer _____

If not applicable, state why _____

(Note, the development standards are not applicable in only three situations: (1) the project is not located in the shoreland zone, (2) the activities are exempted under section 483-B:9,V or section 483-B:19 of the Act, or (3) the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services has granted a variance from a specific standard.)

Certification

As owner or agent for the owner of the subject property, by my signature below, I certify that:

- (a) My responses to questions 1 and 2 above are correct to the best of my knowledge,
- (b) I am familiar with the requirements of RSA 483-B and have knowledge of the development activities which will be undertaken,
- (c) The plans and other information submitted with this permit application provide a complete description of the project and demonstrate how compliance will be accomplished, and
- (d) I understand that false information given in this certification may result in revocation of any permit granted by the Department of Environmental Services as a result of this application, liability for remediation or restoration of the land affected, fines up to \$20,000 for each day of continuing violation, imprisonment or other penalties.

Certified by _____ Date _____

Name (print or type) _____

Indicate whether owner or agent _____

Project Identification: Town _____

Tax Map, Block, and Lot Number (or other unique identifier)

Enclose this form along with the Department of Environmental Services environmental permit application.